

DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND POWER TO INSPECT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

that I verify believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **MIMOTOPES OF HYPERVARIABLE REGION 1 OF THE E2 GLYCOPROTEIN OF HCV AND USES THEREOF**

the specification of which [check one(s) applicable]

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and was amended by Amendment filed _____ (if applicable); [or];

is attached to this Declaration, Power of Attorney and Power to Inspect;

that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Rule 56(a) [37 CFR § 1.56(a)].

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